

SENATE BILL 117

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 3, Part 3, relative to English language
learners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§49-3-3__.

Funding through the Tennessee BEP for qualified teachers of English language
learners (ELL) shall be allocated on a teacher-to-pupil ratio. For every LEA having at
least one (1) ELL student, there shall be included in the BEP an amount of money
sufficient to fund one (1) teacher qualified to teach ELL plus the number of such
teachers that is equal to the whole number quotient obtained by dividing the number of
ELL students in the LEA by the number of students in the teacher-to-pupil ratio.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.